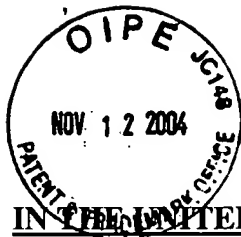


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The following amendments and remarks below are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 6, 2004.

The Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.